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LETTERS**Radio Free Europe**

I would like to emphasize that the liquidation of Radio Free Europe (INTERNATIONAL, March 6), would be interpreted by the peoples of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania as final recognition by the United States of the permanency of the Soviet rule in East Europe. Surely it would not kill their striving for independence but, paradoxically, might result in shifting their hopes toward the People's Republic of China, which alone of the great powers shows some interest in East European countries regaining their independence.

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■ The fact that Sen. William Fulbright, so often portrayed as a defender of individual liberties, could "liquidate" Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty is almost totally unbelievable. If these stations provide Eastern Europe with its only reception of objective news they should be continued regardless of who is funding them. At least, the people should have the opportunity to hear something other than a censored Communist press.

The initials CIA may often be associated with political intrigue, but in light of the favorable reports given to RFE and Radio Liberty by various sources both in and outside the Communist bloc, the good senator has definitely aimed his sights at the wrong target.

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■ Senator Fulbright is one of the few politicians I admire because of his ability to see things as they really are. Radio Free Europe belongs in the museum of cold-war relics.

As an ex-Czechoslovakian, I would like to inform your American readers what Czech people think about RFE. Today only a very few people listen to RFE because there has been a good deal of misinformation based on anti-Communist propaganda. Strangely enough, people feel there is not too much difference between propaganda from any source, and RFE definitely has done damage to listeners' morale and faith. As a source of objective information, RFE is today considered as reliable as Radio Moscow.

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